

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) ~~Sealing~~ The sealing cover according to claim 4
5, wherein the opening (2) of support (3) includes a circumferential flange (18), wherein
after locking of the outer leg (14) with the basic body (5), following final assembly (E),
the intermediate region (12) and the outer leg (14) partially grip in bulge-like fashion
behind the circumferential flange (18) of the support (3).
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently Amended) ~~Sealing~~ A single-piece sealing cover according
to claim 4 made of plastic, for sealing an opening in an associated support, the sealing
cover comprising:
a basic body, which is joined with a U-shaped circumferential collar, the collar
having an inner leg, an intermediate region and an outer leg, an outer collar, and at
least one stop connection at the outer leg, the outer leg and the basic body being
lockable with each other, via the stop connection by insertion into said associated
opening after pre-assembly, and after final assembly, said outer collar and the basic
body having a disk-shape and extending in parallel after final assembly, wherein the
outer leg includes a circumferential edge and the basic body includes an opposing
edge, whereby, after final assembly, the circumferential edge grips in locked position
behind said opposing edge of the basic body, and wherein the circumferential edge of
the outer leg is joined with the outer collar and is adapted to act upon the support in the
region of the opening, and wherein in said pre-assembled state (V) the basic body (5) is

positioned higher than the outer collar (24) and in said final assembly (E) is positioned lower than the outer collar (24).

6. (Currently Amended) Sealing A single piece sealing cover according to claim 4 made of plastic, for sealing an opening in an associated support, the sealing cover comprising:

a basic body, which is joined with a U-shaped circumferential collar, the collar having an inner leg, an intermediate region and an outer leg, an outer collar, and at least one stop connection at the outer leg, the outer leg and the basic body being lockable with each other, via the stop connection by insertion into said associated opening after pre-assembly, and after final assembly, said outer collar and the basic body having a disk-shape and extending in parallel after final assembly, wherein the outer leg includes a circumferential edge and the basic body includes an opposing edge, whereby, after final assembly, the circumferential edge grips in locked position behind said opposing edge of the basic body, and wherein the circumferential edge of the outer leg is joined with the outer collar and is adapted to act upon the support in the region of the opening, and wherein the inner leg (10) and the outer leg (14) extend in parallel to each other and that the inner leg (10) joins the disk-shaped basic body (5) at a right angle and the outer collar (24) joins the outer leg (14) at a right angle.

7. (Currently Amended) A sealing cover (1) for insertion into an opening (2) formed in an associated support (3) for closing and sealing said opening (2), the sealing cover (1) comprising:

a main body portion (5);

a continuous peripheral outer collar (24) extending radially outwardly relative to said main body portion (5), the outer collar (24) being adapted to engage a first surface of said associated support (3) adjacent said opening (2);

a generally U-shaped circumferential collar (8) connecting the main body portion (5) with the outer collar (24), the circumferential collar (8) permitting relative axial movement between the main body portion (5) and the outer collar (24) between a first preassembly position (V) whereat the sealing cover (1) is loosely received in said associated opening (2) and said main body portion is positioned higher than the outer collar, and a second assembled position (E) whereat the sealing cover (1) is locked

onto said associated support (3) in said opening with said main body portion being positioned lower than said outer collar; and,

a stop connection (16) for selectively holding the main body portion (5) with the outer collar (24) in said second assembled position (E) to close and seal the opening (2).

8. (Currently Amended) The sealing cover (1) according to claim 7 wherein the circumferential collar includes an intermediate region (12) formed between an inner leg (10) and an outer leg (14), the inner leg (10) being connected on a first end to said main body portion (5) and connected on a second end to said intermediate region (12), and the outer leg (14) being connected on a first end to said outer collar (24) and connected on a second end to said intermediate portion (12).

9. (Currently Amended) The sealing cover (1) according to claim 8 wherein the circumferential collar (8) is flexible and

in said first preassembly position (V), the intermediate region (12) is disposed radially inwardly of said outer leg (14) for insertion of the sealing cover (1) into said opening (2) formed in the associated support (3); and,

in said second assembled position (E) the intermediate region (12) is disposed radially outwardly of said outer leg (14) for engaging a second surface of said associated support (3) opposite said first surface for holding the sealing cover (1) in said opening (2) on said associated support (3) to close and seal the opening (2).

10. (Currently Amended) The sealing cover (1) according to claim 9 wherein the associated support (3) is grasped between said outer collar (24) and said outer leg (14) when the main body portion (5) and the outer collar (24) are moved to said second assembled position (E).

11. (Currently Amended) The sealing cover (1) according to claim 9 wherein the support (3) defines a lip (18) surrounding said opening (2) and

said outer leg (14) forms a bulge to surroundingly engage said lip (18) of the associated support (2) for holding the sealing cover (1) in said opening (2) when the

main body portion (5) and the peripheral outer collar (24) are arranged in said assembled position (E).

12. (Currently Amended) The sealing cover (4) according to claim 7 wherein the stop connection (16) includes:

a first member (22) carried on the main body portion (5); and,

a second member (20) carried on the continuous peripheral outer collar (24), the first member (22) and the second member (20) being disposed in an opposing relationship and adapted for selective mutual latching based on a relative axial position between the main body portion (5) and the outer collar (24).

13. (Currently Amended) The sealing cover (4) according to claim 12 wherein:

the first member (22) is a continuous radially outwardly extending lip carried on the main body portion (5); and,

the second member (20) is a continuous radially inwardly extending lip carried on the peripheral outer collar (24).

14. (Currently Amended) The sealing cover (4) according to claim 13 wherein the main body portion (5), the outer collar (24), the circumferential collar (8), and the stop connection (16) are integrally formed.

15. (Currently Amended) The sealing cover (4) according to claim 10 wherein the stop connection (16) includes:

a first member (22) carried on the main body portion (5); and,

a second member (20) carried on the continuous peripheral outer collar (24), the first member (22) and the second member (20) being disposed in an opposing relationship and adapted for selective mutual latching based on a relative axial position between the main body portion (5) and the outer collar (24).

16. (Currently Amended) The sealing cover (4) according to claim 15 wherein:

the first member (22) is a continuous radially outwardly extending lip carried on the main body portion (5); and,

the second member (20) is a continuous radially inwardly extending lip carried on the peripheral outer collar (24).

17. (Currently Amended) The sealing cover (4) according to claim 16 wherein the main body portion (5), the outer collar (24), the circumferential collar (8), and the stop connection (16) are integrally formed.

18. (New) The sealing cover according to claim 6, wherein the opening of support includes a circumferential flange, wherein after locking of the outer leg with the basic body, following final assembly, the intermediate region and the outer leg partially grip in bulge-like fashion behind the circumferential flange of the support.

19. (New) A single-piece sealing cover made of plastic, for sealing an opening in an associated support, the sealing cover comprising:

a basic body, which is joined with a U-shaped circumferential collar, the collar having an inner leg, an intermediate region and an outer leg, an outer collar, and at least one stop connection at the outer leg, the outer leg and the basic body being lockable with each other, via the stop connection by insertion into said associated opening after a pre-assembly state, and after a final assembly state, said outer collar and the basic body having a disk-shaped and extending in parallel after final assembly, wherein in said pre-assembly state the basic body is positioned higher than said outer collar and in said final assembly state the basic body is positioned lower than said outer collar.

20. (New) Single-piece sealing cover made of plastic, for sealing an opening in an associated support, the sealing cover comprising:

a basic body, which is joined with a U-shaped circumferential collar, the collar having an inner leg, an intermediate region and an outer leg, an outer collar, and at least one stop connection at the outer leg, the outer leg and the basic body being lockable with each other, via the stop connection by insertion into said associated opening after pre-assembly, and after final assembly, said outer collar and the basic

body having a disk-shaped and extending in parallel after final assembly, wherein the inner leg and the outer leg extend in parallel to each other and the inner leg joins the disk-shaped basic body at a right angle and the outer collar joins the outer leg at a right angle.

21. (New) A sealing cover for insertion into an opening formed in an associated support for closing and sealing said opening, the sealing cover comprising:

a main body portion;

a continuous peripheral outer collar extending radially outwardly relative to said main body portion, the outer collar being adapted to engage a first surface of said associated support adjacent said opening;

a generally U-shaped circumferential collar connecting the main body portion with the outer collar, the circumferential collar permitting relative axial movement between the main body portion and the outer collar between a first preassembly position whereat the sealing cover is loosely received in said associated opening and said main body portion is positioned higher than the outer collar, and a second assembled position whereat the sealing cover is locked onto said associated support in said opening with said main body portion being positioned lower than said outer collar; and,

a stop connection for selectively holding the main body portion with the outer collar in said second assembled position to close and seal the opening, wherein the circumferential collar includes an intermediate region formed between an inner leg and an outer leg parallel with the inner leg, the inner leg being connected at a right angle on a first end to said main body portion and connected on a second end to said intermediate region, and the outer leg being connected on a first end at a right angle to said outer collar and connected on a second end to said intermediate portion.